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# S. 90

To amend the Job Training Partnership Act to improve the employment and training assistance programs for dislocated workers, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. HATFIELD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Worker Retraining  
5 Flexibility Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. RETRAINING SERVICES.**

7 Section 315(a)(2) of the Job Training Partnership  
8 Act (29 U.S.C. 1661d(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(2)” and inserting “(2)(A)”;  
2 and

3 (2) by striking the last 2 sentences and insert-  
4 ing the following new subparagraph:

5 “(B)(i) The Governor may grant the waiver, in whole  
6 or in part, if the substate grantee demonstrates that the  
7 waiver—

8 “(I) is appropriate due to the availability of  
9 low-cost retraining services;

10 “(II) is necessary to facilitate the provision of  
11 needs-related payments to accompany long-term  
12 training; or

13 “(III) is necessary to facilitate the provision of  
14 appropriate basic readjustment services.

15 “(ii) The Governor shall prescribe criteria for the  
16 demonstration required by clause (i).”.

17 **SEC. 3. NEEDS-RELATED PAYMENTS AND OTHER SUPPORT-**  
18 **IVE SERVICES.**

19 Section 315 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29  
20 U.S.C. 1661d) is amended—

21 (1) by striking subsection (b); and

22 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and  
23 (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d).

1 **SEC. 4. NEEDS-RELATED PAYMENTS FOR FEDERAL DELIV-**  
 2 **ERY OF DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES.**

3 Section 323 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29  
 4 U.S.C. 1662b) is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
 5 ing new subsection:

6 “(e) NEEDS-RELATED PAYMENTS.—In making funds  
 7 available from the amounts reserved for this part under  
 8 section 302(a)(2) to carry out programs and activities, the  
 9 Secretary may make funds available for needs-related pay-  
 10 ments described in section 314(e). The Secretary may  
 11 make such a payment to a participant in such a program  
 12 or activity who, in lieu of meeting the requirements relat-  
 13 ing to enrollment in training specified in the last sentence  
 14 of section 314(e)(1), is enrolled in training by the end of  
 15 the sixth week after the Secretary makes the funds avail-  
 16 able for the program or activity.”.

17 **SEC. 5. NORTHWEST ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT INITIATIVE.**

18 Section 323 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29  
 19 U.S.C. 1662b) (as amended by section 4) is further  
 20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 21 section:

22 “(f) NORTHWEST ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT INITIA-  
 23 TIVE.—From the amount reserved for this part under sec-  
 24 tion 302(a)(2) for each of fiscal years 1996 and 1997, the  
 25 Secretary shall expend, on the basis of need as dem-  
 26 onstrated by a State, not less than \$12,000,000 to carry

1 out the retraining of eligible dislocated workers, as de-  
2 scribed in the Interagency Memorandum of Understand-  
3 ing for Economic Adjustment and Community Assistance  
4 (relating to the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initia-  
5 tive).”.

